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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA  
Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Summary of OSA Activities for Week Ending  
16 November 1963

1. OPERATIONAL MISSIONS

a. IDEALIST

(1) [ ] The TACKLE program has been released from "stand down". [ ] is now providing local area training flights and conducting aircraft performance checks. Prior to new overflights [ ] equipment will be installed probably during the next major inspection. Shakedown tests will be conducted on this equipment to ascertain the performance of airborne equipment and the ground equipment prior to use on an operational mission.

(2) [ ] A recent mission (#3240) to cover [ ] [ ] targets was aborted due to an engine flame-out at 68,000 feet during climb on the outward leg of the journey. This occurred just prior to penetration of denied territory. The aircraft was able to return to base safely where a new fuel control was installed and the aircraft checked out with no discrepancies. Preliminary notice of redeployment of the [ ] team was sent to all pertinent stations on 14 November. It is expected that the detachment will be redeployed after the successful completion of one more mission. Scheduling of this mission now awaits the proper weather clearance.

b. SATELLITES. There was no unusual satellite activity this week. The next launch is scheduled for a CORONA/[ ] on 27 November.

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2. OX CART PROGRAMa. OX CART Surfacing.

(1) Questions continued concerning the desirability of surfacing the OXCART program during this week. Background papers on the history of the OXCART program were prepared for the information of the Director. These papers were discussed with General Carter on 14 November at which time he described a meeting between the Director and the President at the White House. In response to the Director's question concerning OXCART surfacing, the President stated that he did not feel that this was apropos at the present time. First, we should make sure that the OXCART vehicle will not have to be employed operationally and, even then, any surfacing must be in the best interest of the United States. In addition, according to General Carter, when and if the decision is made for the surfacing, the President said that he, alone, would do it.

(2) Mr. McCone has indicated that the Air Force's concept for surfacing the R-12 has now become obsolete and General Carter has been assigned the full responsibility for achieving the plan to be used, if and when the OXCART program is to be surfaced. This plan is to be worked out in conjunction with Dr. Fubini and then discussed with the President. The resulting, final paper possibly will be put in "deep freeze" at the White House for use at such time as it may be required.

(3) Messrs. [ ] Parangosky, and [ ] will prepare a paper which will be forwarded to General Carter as the recommended OSA plan. While the immediate time pressure seemed to be somewhat relaxed for a major position on OXCART surfacing, General Carter indicated that he and the Director wanted this plan developed with all possible haste. The basic work should be completed in time for Mr. McCone to have it in hand before going to Honolulu with the Secretary of Defense during the week of 18 November.

b. EXPANDED POWER FOR [ ]

(1) Plans for moving in the first of [ ] trailers are proceeding on schedule. These trailers are calculated to provide additional housing for [ ] people at [ ] This will give [ ] a normal

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housing capability of [REDACTED] people with the ability to accommodate [REDACTED] more persons in the event of emergency. The use of these trailers is expected to eliminate new Fiscal Year 1965 housing funds required in the budget for the new year.

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(2) These additional facilities will severely strain portable power capability at [REDACTED]. It is anticipated that three generators will be required to operate on-line continuously in order to meet the peak electric load. An additional generator is required as a standby to permit normal maintenance and as a backup to handle emergency requirements. Installation of the fourth generator at [REDACTED] has been approved and arrangements for its procurement are under way.

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a. ADVANCED SATELLITE PROGRAM. On 12 November, Colonel Ledford and representatives of OSA met with Dr. Wheelon at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to review the status of the [REDACTED] Program. During the conference, it was decided that emphasis on the Program must be changed.

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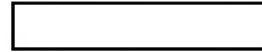
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curacy and flexibility. Additional details on this program are being specified by OSA Advanced Systems personnel and will be submitted during the week of 18 November.

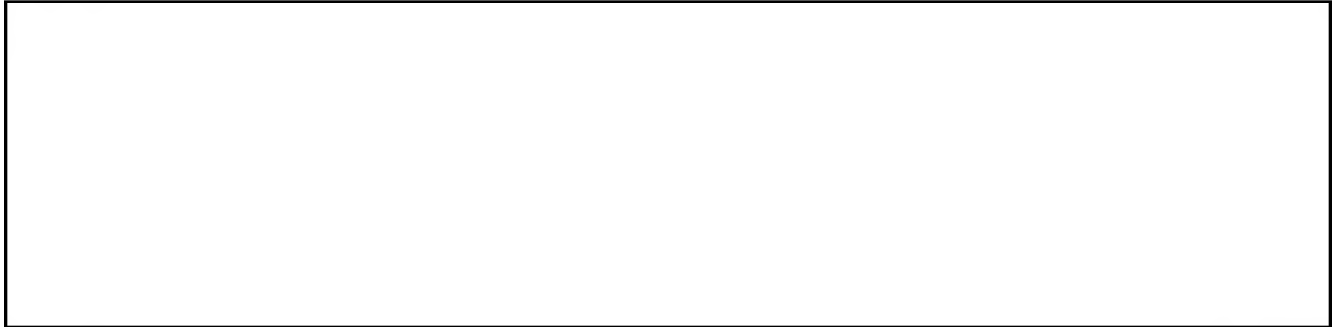
b. SAC CONFERENCE. On 13 and 14 November a conference was held here at Headquarters with representatives of the Strategic Air Command concerning support requirements of the OXCART flight program. These discussions included items such as OXCART program briefing, mission generation, time sequencing, and suggested SAC participation in simulated exercises. In addition to the OSA/CIA participation, SAC was given the opportunity to discuss their problems, which are often encountered in such support activities, and the door was left open for future coordination and liaison between the two organizations.


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